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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACTIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL FISHING IN COSTA RICAN
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1. REFTEL REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN AND JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS ALLEGEDLY FISHING ILLEGALLY IN THE WATERS AROUND ISLA DEL COCO. MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY, MARIO CHARPENTIER, HAS RESPONDED TO THE ALLEGATIONS BY ANNOUNCING THAT THE CAPTAINS OF CERTAIN COSTA RICAN FISHING VESSELS "...WILL BE INVESTED WITH AUTHORITY SO THAT THEY MAY DETAIN FOREIGN FISHING BOATS THAT THEY ENCOUNTER OPERATING ILLEGALLY IN COSTA RICAN PATRIMONIAL WATERS." IN ADDITION, THE MINISTER STATED THAT "AUTHORITIES" ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS (PRESUMABLY MEMBERS OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL) MIGHT RIDE ABOARD COSTA RICAN FISHING VESSELS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COSTA RICAN FISHERMEN. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN EITHER OF THESE ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN.

2. MINISTER CHARPENTIER CHARACTERIZED THE ABOVE MEASURES

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AS THE MOST CONCRETE THAT CAN BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

HE ADDED THAT FOR FUTURE NEEDS THE MINISTRY IS
CONSIDERING PURCHASING SOME AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT AND
A NUMBER OF PATROL BOATS TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE CONTROL
OVER THE COSTA RICAN COASTS.
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